

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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David VALE, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3731

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Examiner: Uyen T. HO

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For: FILTER ELEMENT FOR EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
July 27, 2006:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Office  
Communication dated August 7, 2006.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: 32
3. Identification of art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 5,108,419 to Reger et al.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Changing the last paragraph of

Claim 32 to include the limitation, "The filter body having laminated regions comprising at least two layers extending along the length of at least two of the regions and wherein the regions

comprises varying hardness or stiffness along the length between the two regions resulting from different thickness or materials of the laminated regions.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: See, above identification of principle proposed amendments.

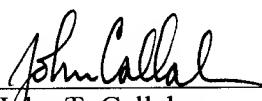
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None

7. Results of Interview: Examiner agreed that by adding the limitations set forth above, the Reger et al. reference would be overcome and the application would be allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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